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Dear Parent / Guardian and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student,

Please read the following important information regarding the end of year procedures.

#### Tuition Time for 6<sup>th</sup> Years

Timetabled lessons are to continue for 6<sup>th</sup> year students who require tuition in preparation for the written Leaving Certificate examinations until Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

#### Book Rental Scheme Return

6<sup>th</sup> Year students who are not completing written Leaving Certificate exams and intend not to return after the 14<sup>th</sup> May can return school textbooks to the school bursar. Please place the textbooks in a plastic bag and make sure to label the bag with your name.

#### End of Year Celebrations for 6<sup>th</sup> Year

**As per Department of Education guidelines issued to schools on 5<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> May:**

*'Schools should not have end of year graduations ceremonies for sixth year students in whole year groups or facilitate the attendance of parents or other family members either on the school premises or in any other locations.*

*It is very important not to carry out any activities that may put sixth year students at risk of exposure to COVID-19 particularly in the last remaining days before the commencement of the Leaving Certificate examinations. Schools should also strongly encourage students to act responsibly and not to attend any social events such as 'raves' or other events leading to large congregations or smaller events in houses which greatly increase the risk of spreading COVID-19.'*

Staff and students have been very busy over the past number of weeks preparing for a *Celebration of the Class of 2021* that is consistent with the Department of Education and public health guidelines. The date and time will be confirmed and communicated next week. We are still awaiting the arrival of the School Yearbook and Graduation Photograph.

**We appeal to our 6<sup>th</sup> year students and parents/guardians to adhere to all public health guidelines to keep all of our students safe so as they can complete the Leaving Certificate successfully.**

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Jefford

Principal